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- European Patent Application No. 1 243 677 A2. This reference was previously identified in an Information Disclosure Statement dated December 1, 2004.
- 2. U.S. Patent No. 6,476,154 B1 issued November 5, 2002, to Maly et al.
- UK Patent Application No. 2 002 782 A published February 28, 1979, to Agency of Industrial Science & Technology.
- 4. U.S. Patent No. 5,458,967 A issued October 17, 1995, to Kanno et al.

One copy of each of UK Patent Application No. 2 002 782 is submitted herewith, along with a copy of the corresponding European Office Action dated September 15, 2005.

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